

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph [0031], on page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

**[0031]** The deduced product of XC1950 was predicted as phosphoenolpyruvate synthase and the BLASTP (a web-based bioinformatics tools developed by National Center for Biotechnology Information of USA, ~~available at~~ <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>) result showed that XC1950 contains phosphoenolpyruvate synthase/pyruvate phosphate dikinase domain at its N-terminal and PEP-utilizing enzyme domain at its C-terminal, indicating XC1950 is phosphoenolpyruvate synthase gene and is involved in gluconeogenesis.